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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:****DEC 26 2006**

The attached drawings include changes to FIGS. 1 and 6.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. FIG. 1 has been amended to add arrows showing the connections between the "Broadcast Receiving Unit" (5) and the "Display Unit" (6), and the "Broadcast Receiving Unit" (5) and the "Program Reservation Unit" (3). Figure 6 has been amended to correct the spelling of the word shown as "Titel" to "Title".

For the convenience of the Examiner, annotated sheets showing the changes made to the drawings are attached.

Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 25, 2006, the abstract was objected to as exceeding 150 words in length, the disclosure was objected to for informalities, the drawings were objected to, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being non-statutory, claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Marsh (U.S. Patent No. 6,931,657), claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arai (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,401), claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Logan (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0120925) based on the priority dates of provisional applications filed on January 29, 2001 and July 11, 2001, and claims 6-8, 14-16, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Logan (based upon the provisional application priority dates) and further in view of Arai, and Chaal (URL:<http://www.derekmain.com/...mux.html>).

The foregoing objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-24 are pending and under consideration.

An Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted herewith in order to have the reference JP 09-312811 considered by the Examiner.

The abstract, the specification, and the drawings are amended, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration.

The specification has been amended to correct the informalities objected to by the Examiner in the Office Action.

The Abstract has been replaced to correct the format and length required

The drawings have been corrected in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d).

Withdrawal of the objections to the abstract, the specification, and the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are amended, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being non-statutory is respectfully requested.

Marsh discusses methods and arrangements for providing a television and multimedia viewing paradigm. Marsh discusses automatically selecting a particular program/channel as a

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candidate program, which is output from the character information itself obtained by the voice recognition, for recording and monitoring.

Arai discusses a method and apparatus for producing program information and a receiving apparatus for processing the information in a broadcast system.

Logan discusses audio and video program recording, editing and playback systems using metadata. Logan discusses associating METADATA with the program content according to the start and ending times at which the particular programming segment was broadcast.

Chaal discusses that the "need for creation, use and communication of information has grown and become vital requirements within organizations", and multiplexing.

Claims 1, 9 and 17 of the present application recite features including:

(A) "obtaining, while being received and the program by a program receiving unit, information related to the received program from contents of the received program" and

(B) searching..."information of the program related to the received program on the basis of information at the time of reception of a predetermined notification in the information obtained by said information obtaining unit."

Neither Marsh, Logan, nor Arai, either alone or in combination, discusses or suggests the foregoing features of the present invention.

Moreover, the dependent claims of the present application recite patentably distinguishing features of their own, which are not discussed or suggested by the foregoing references relied upon, taken alone or in combination. More specifically, claims 2, 10, and 18 of the present application each recite:

"converting voices contained in the received program into character information, and obtains the character information from the voices", and

claims 3, 11, and 19 of the present application each recite:

"obtains the character information from a caption contained in the received program".

claims 4, 12, and 20 each recite "obtains the character information in a data broadcast multiplexed with a program broadcast".

The remaining dependent claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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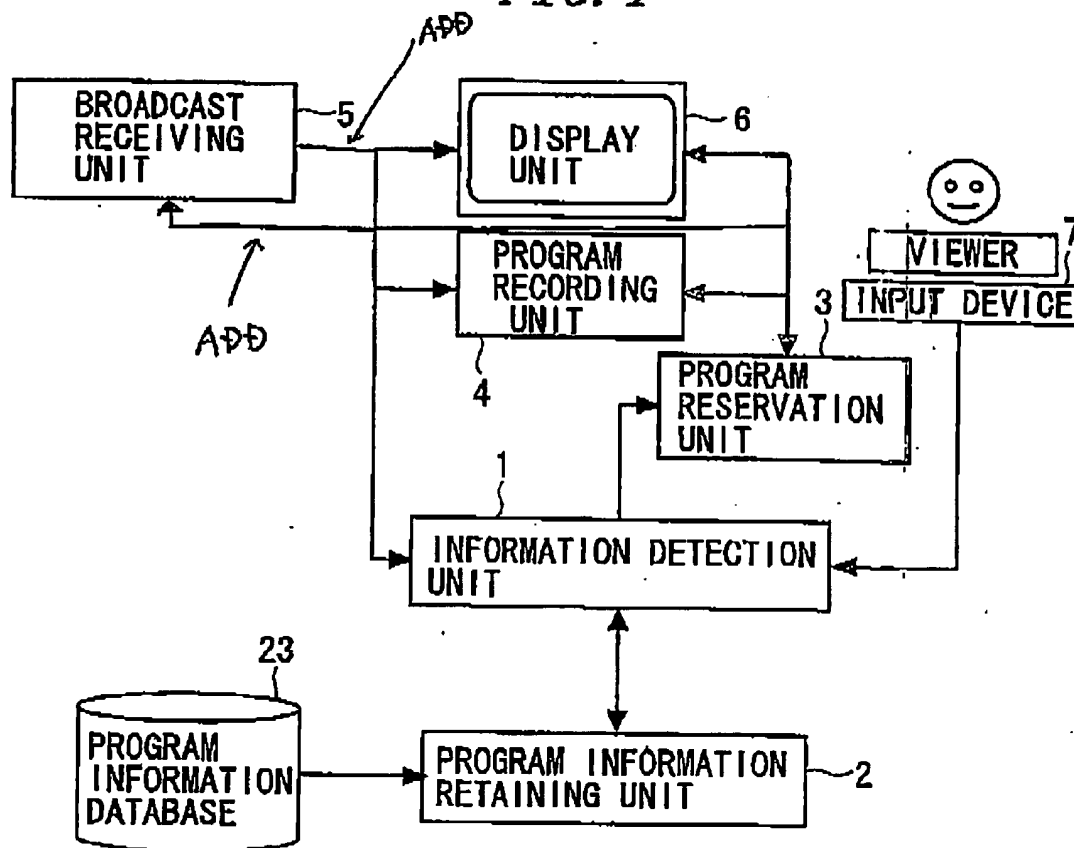
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ANNOTATED SHEET

FIG. 1



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FIG. 6

TITLE

RESERVATION ID	ID	TITEL OF PROGRAM	STARTING DATE/TIME	CONTINUOUS TIME	SERVICE
000	0100	ON A CERTAIN DAY IN APRIL	2001/04/01 00:00:00	00:40:00	101
001	0001	A SEQUEL TO "ON A CERTAIN DAY IN APRIL"	2001/04/01 00:01:00	00:01:00	100
	